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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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Naruhiko MASHITA, et al.

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1711

SERIAL NO.: 09/784,415

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FILED: FEBRUARY 14, 2001

: EXAMINER: MULLIS

FOR: RESIN COMPOSITION, GASKET MATERIAL AND GASKET INTEGRATED
WITH METAL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated August 22, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-21. In addition, Applicants elect, with traverse, thermoplastic elastomer Species (a) and isoprene containing thermoplastic elastomers, modified polyolefinic resin Species (a), modifying material for modifying the modified polyolefinic resins Species (b), and polypropylene as an ultimate, single disclosed Species of polyolefinic resins Species (b). Claims 1-36 are believed to read on the elected species.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-21, drawn to a product; and

Group II: Claims 22-36, drawn to process.

In addition, the Examiner is also requiring an election of a single disclosed Species of thermoplastic elastomers as follows:

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